



THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO
ROYAL MALEWANE

Activities & Excursions

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DAY AND NIGHT GAME DRIVES

Take a drive on the wild side

The Guides and Trackers at Royal Malewane are the most qualified team in South Africa. They are exceptionally skilled at interpreting the sights and sounds of the bushveld, and making the ecosystem come alive for you.

Game drives are the core experience around which each day on safari revolves, and the very best way to see the varied landscapes of the Greater Kruger and encounter the many diverse species that live there.

Your Guide and Tracker share an intuitive bond, each using their unique yet complementary skills to create thrilling yet entirely safe experiences that you will never forget. Whatever you're most interested in, your Guide and Tracker can tailor your game drives to focus on your passion.

GUIDED WALKING SAFARIS

Explore the Greater Kruger on foot

All human journeys began in Africa, and now you can write the next chapter as you feel the ground beneath your feet and embark on an adventure that will engage all your senses. Discover how even the smallest creature or tiniest detail has a role to play in maintaining the health of the Greater Kruger ecosystem.

A guided walking safari is an opportunity to explore Royal Malewane at a different pace, as our expert Guides and Trackers point out the tracks and signs that tell the hidden stories of the creatures we share the wilderness with.

All our bush walks are led by highly qualified Guides who have undergone years of training and hold the highest professional qualifications as a testament to their skill and dedication, so you can rest assured that you're in very safe hands.



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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture the moment

Each day on safari contains many memorable moments, and if you travel with a camera, you can capture these for posterity as you take advantage of Africa's astonishing light. Your safari images let you share your experiences and relive those magic moments again and again.

Many of our Guides are themselves passionate and knowledgeable photographers – as well as giving advice on lens choices and settings, they excel at getting you into exactly the right place, at the right time, for the perfect shot. Their knowledge of animal and bird behaviour means that they can very often anticipate what will happen next, giving you the best possible chance of recording jaw-dropping action or breath-taking beauty.

From the drama of the hunt to the serenity of a sunset, or the playful antics of baby animals, you'll return home with images that you'll treasure forever.

BIRDWATCHING AT ROYAL MALEWANE

Enjoy the colour and beauty of wild birds

Over 300 different bird species have been recorded at Royal Malewane, and a focused birding safari can help you add a great many 'lifers' to your list. From the world's largest living bird and heaviest flying bird to tiny 'LBJs', if you enjoy watching and identifying birds, you'll be in heaven at Royal Malewane.

Our Guides and Trackers are all exceptional birders, and will use their knowledge of habitats, behaviour and calls to help you spot species you've not seen before – and perhaps some you've not even heard of.

While you may not always be in sight of a mammal on your game drives, there is rarely a time when birds cannot be seen or heard, and deepening your interest in ornithology will add nuance and richness to your time at Royal Malewane.



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STAR SAFARIS

Experience the beauty of the African night sky

Far away from the light pollution of the cities is a special place where the details of the galaxy are revealed in all their undimmed glory. At Royal Malewane, stars, planets and meteors can be admired as they have been by humans for millennia.

Even satellites can be seen as they trace their orbits across the black velvet sky above. On a Star Safari, you'll learn to recognise the major constellations and discover some of the local myths and legends that surround them. Your Guide and Tracker will also point out the fascinating nocturnal creatures for whom the sun is the one star they never see.

BEVERAGE EXPERIENCES AT ROYAL MALEWANE

The perfect pairing with your safari

South Africa is renowned not only for the quality of its wines but also for its thrilling wildlife experiences. During your perfect stay, you can combine the excitement of being on safari with the exquisite pleasure of a guided tasting of some of our finest vintages. Whether it's within the intimate setting of our wine cellars or beneath the African sky watching the sun set, you'll find the ideal location for an exploration of some of the very best South African beverages.

Additionally, we offer a diverse range of beverage experiences, including gin tastings and whisky tastings, all meticulously curated to cater to your individual preferences.



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SPA TREATMENTS

Reconnect with yourself

Combining the thrill of being on safari with the tranquility of our spa spaces makes for the perfect stay and allows you to focus on your wellness as well as on the excitement of spending time in the wild. Being in Nature can help you feel more grounded, while leaving behind the stresses and strains of everyday life is immensely calming and beneficial.

At the Royal Waters Spa at Malewane Lodge, you can take a dip in the heated 25m lap pool or choose from our extensive treatments menu. Our experienced therapists combine elements of traditional healing and herbal knowledge into each treatment. The Farmstead features a double spa treatment room, while the Reflections Spa at Waterside channels the cleansing power of pure running water to enhance the healing process.

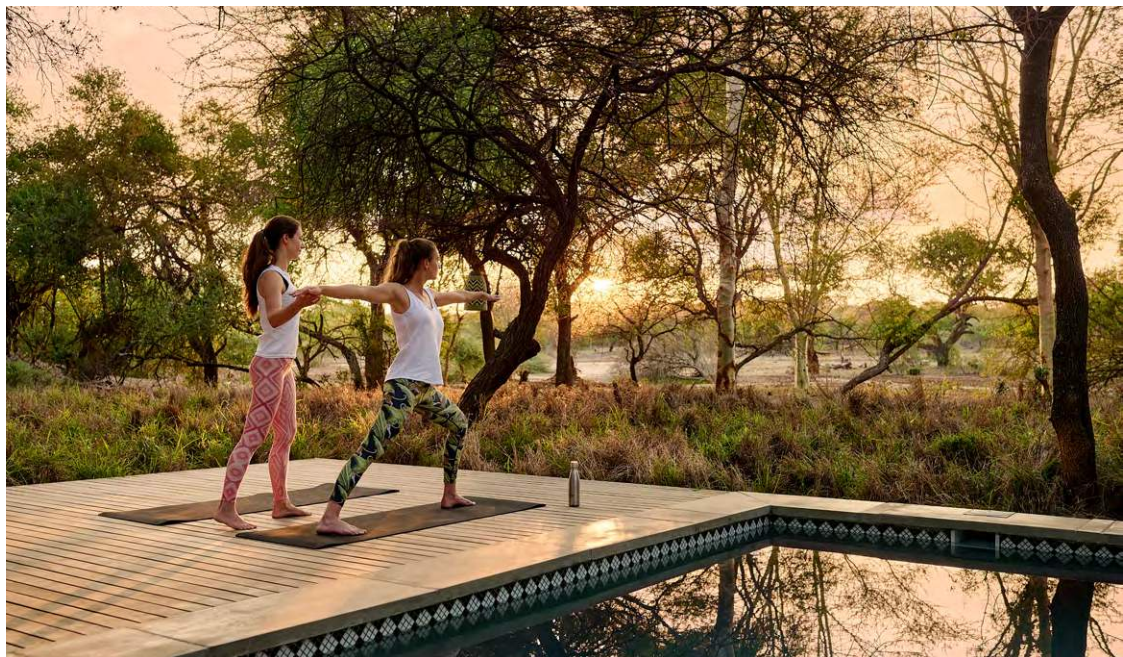
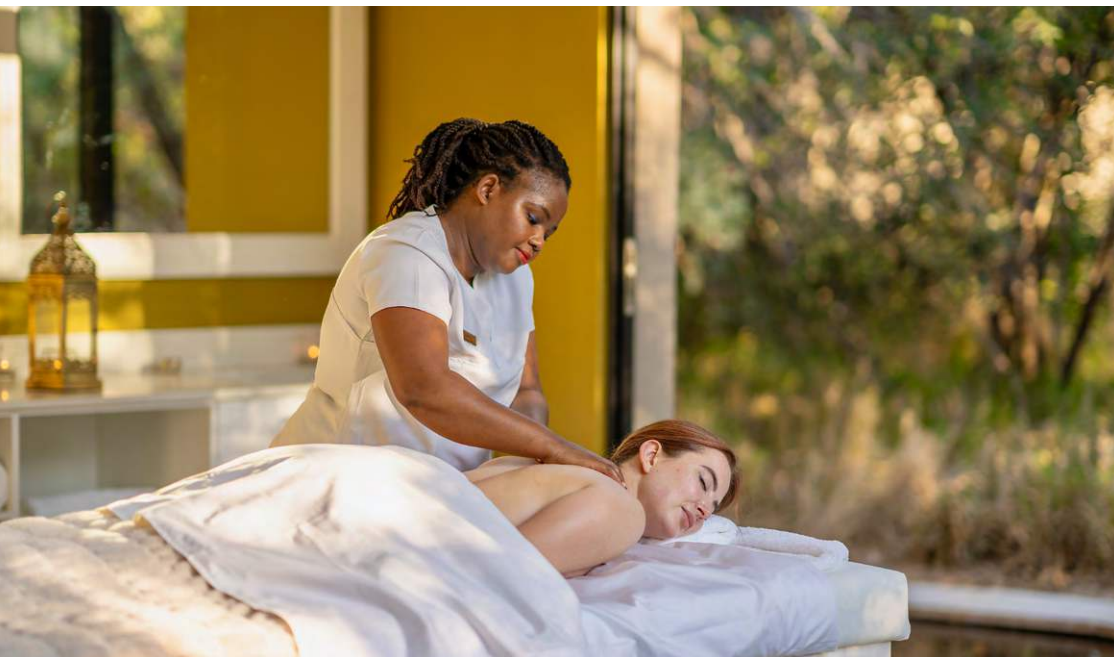
WELLNESS

Yoga in the heart of the wild

Spending time at Royal Malewane can help you connect with nature and let go of any stress and anxiety that you may be carrying. Through gentle movements, stretching and mindful breathing, you can transform your mood and your outlook on the day.

While the bushveld forms the ideal backdrop to a focus on your wellbeing, the yoga and meditation room at Royal Malewane provides a calming space in which to slow things down and look inwards as well as outwards as you enjoy grounding ceremonies.

Time spent here contrasts wonderfully with the adrenaline and thrill of being on a game drive or guided safari walk and contributes to a holistic wilderness experience that promotes a sense of profound wellbeing.



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FITNESS CENTRE

Maintain your healthy lifestyle

A safari vacation provides the perfect break from your usual routine, but that doesn't mean that you have to give up on your fitness goals. Safaris make for wonderful mental stimulation, and in the downtime in between, you can also hone your other muscles with a visit to our Fitness Centre. There, you'll find everything you need to help you stay trim and focused, with world-class equipment that's the equivalent of what you have in your home gym, or at your preferred local centre.

Our sustainability ethos at Royal Malewane includes helping our guests to live their best life, and if, that means looking good and feeling fine, then you'll enjoy every moment you spend sweating it out in our superbly equipped fitness centre.



DISCOVER OUR CONSERVATION HUB

Engage with researchers

The Conservation and Research Centre (CRC) at Royal Malewane is a vital resource for researchers and conservationists who are studying and protecting the wildlife of Greater Kruger. It provides a space where they can meet and share ideas, and a venue for lectures and presentations on their work. We also provide accommodation for researchers, so that they can spend more time with the species they are working on.

As a guest at Royal Malewane, you can visit the CRC to learn more about conservation challenges, and how we are working together with stakeholders to find innovative, sustainable ways to overcome these. Visiting the CRC will give you deep insights into what we stand for, and a renewed appreciation for the bushveld.



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SAFARI ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Making learning fun

Royal Rangers is our dedicated educational programme that's designed to help our younger guests get even more out of their Royal Malewane safari vacation. Our Guides and Trackers greatly enjoy the chance to share their knowledge with children, and to inspire the conservationists of tomorrow.

The bushveld is an ideal classroom, with new and fascinating things to discover every day, including immediately around each lodge. Children will learn bushcraft skills such as identifying and following tracks, and enjoy discovering a world of wonders. While their children are learning and having fun, parents can take advantage of the chance to enjoy some quality time together.

FINE DINING IN THE WILD

Meals to savour

There's nothing like spending time in the fresh air to help you work up an appetite – and the Royal Malewane chefs will delight your taste buds with personalised menus consisting of meals and snacks served with a side order of wildlife viewing.

Our completely flexible approach to dining means you can choose where to enjoy each meal, whether it's an intimate dinner for two in the privacy of your room, or a leisurely brunch on a deck overlooking a waterhole. You'll have the chance to enjoy all the traditional safari treats, including homemade rusks with morning coffee on a game drive, or delicious treats to accompany sundowners.

Bush dinners make for an unforgettable dining experience, and with each meal, our team will recommend pairings from our extensive list of world-class wines.



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MOLOLOHOLO WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE

A second chance for injured creatures

Every year, wild animals in the Greater Kruger vehicle are unfortunately injured by fences, vehicles and poachers. Fortunately, many of them get a second chance to live out their lives in the wild thanks to the Mololoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Hoedspruit.

Established back in 1991, the centre provides expert veterinary care to injured birds and animals, and, if at all possible, helps them to prepare for a return to the wild. During their treatment, injured animals provide vital educational opportunities to safari guests and local schoolchildren, and help local communities and businesses to make changes that can help eliminate some of the dangers faced by wildlife.

A visit here will reveal many heartwarming stories of how passionate people can make a real difference.

LEOPARD CREEK GOLF COURSE

Play a round in the wild

You might not expect to find one of the world's top 100 golf courses in the heart of the bushveld, but then Leopard Creek is far from being an ordinary venue. The manicured greens segue into pristine bushveld, meaning that spotting wildlife on the fairways is just one of the highlights of this superb course.

Expertly designed to use the natural lie of the land to increase the enjoyment of each round, Leopard Creek even makes use of the Crocodile River as a water hazard. The beauty of Leopard Creek is sure to inspire you to up your game, while the facilities at this luxury resort provide the perfect excuse to relax after your round. Combining the pleasures of safari and golf, Leopard Creek is a must-visit destination for all golfers.



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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Visit our local upliftment projects

Through The Royal Portfolio Foundation, we support young learners at schools and crèches in our neighbouring communities. Through improving facilities, enhancing food security and game drive experiences, we're helping to enhance educational opportunities and broaden horizons.

On a visit to the Sigagule and Langutelani Crèches or the Sihlekisi Primary School, you'll see first-hand how we're able to make a difference thanks to your generous donations.

When you stay at Royal Malewane, a portion of the cost of your stay is donated to The Royal Portfolio Foundation and used to directly support education access and community upliftment projects that are changing lives and transforming dreams into reality through the power of positive change. Including a school or crèche visit in your vacation will be a life-changing experience for you, too.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Your chance to get involved

With multiple ongoing conservation initiatives taking place at Royal Malewane, your safari vacation is the ideal opportunity to 'roll up your sleeves' and get involved. Spend time with the researchers and conservationists who are at the cutting edge of adding to our collective understanding of the incredible wildlife of the Greater Kruger region.

Witness how highly trained dogs and rangers are making the area safer for all species by actively deterring poaching, and see how proactive measures are making a real difference to the survival odds of some of Africa's most iconic yet vulnerable species. You'll return home with a deeper awareness of the vital roles that ecotourism is playing in conservation, and be ready to become an ambassador for Africa's wild places and wildlife.

For more details, please see our [Conservation Activities PDF](#)



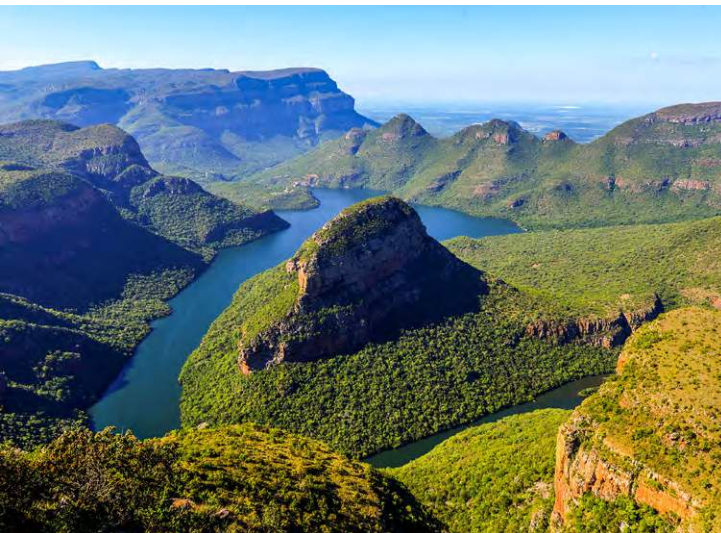
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SCENIC FLIGHTS

Take to the skies

The scale and majesty of the Blyde River Canyon – the world's deepest green canyon – can only be truly appreciated from the air. On a scenic helicopter flight from Royal Malewane (timed to fit in between your morning and afternoon game drives, so you don't miss a moment on safari), you'll look down on an astonishing landscape.

Think lush green slopes, a winding river and spectacular waterfalls. The transformation from the Lowveld to the mountains could not be more complete as you ascend, and then follow the course of the river. Alight for a picnic lunch in a secluded, scenic spot that can't be reached in any other way, and seize the moment to take stunning pictures as a reminder of your flight.



ELEPHANT ENCOUNTERS

Meet the gentle giants

Camp Jabulani is known for its exceptional elephant experiences. The herd of rescued elephants at Jabulani are eloquent ambassadors for their species, and for the conservation challenges that they and all African wildlife increasingly face.

On your excursion to Camp Jabulani, you'll meet the elephants and the dedicated team that care for them. You'll have the opportunity to spend time with the elephants, up close and personal, and watch them go about their daily routines, including the always popular waterhole swimming experience. Camp Jabulani will help you see elephants in a whole new light, and return home with a deepened appreciation for Africa's most iconic species.



TIMBAVATI MUSEUM VISIT

Learn more about all creatures great and small

The Timbavati Museum – also known as the Graeme Naylor Museum – very much deserves its reputation as a hidden gem of the Lowveld. Located at Chi Mani Mani, around 30 minutes' drive from Royal Malewane, this small museum focuses on the remarkable natural history of the Timbavati and other protected areas that make up the Greater Kruger.

The fabled white lions of Timbavati are the subject of the centrepiece display, but they are no means the only natural wonder at this fascinating educational centre. Discover lesser-known species including the frogs and freshwater fish of the Greater Kruger, and discover the secrets of an elephant's six sets of teeth.





Our curated list of activities, excursions and experiences caters to every occasion and preference. Should you be looking for something specific, please do not hesitate to ask us for a recommendation or reservation.

Warm wishes
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